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## SOVIET ACCUSED OF ADOPTING NAZI TACTICS

London, Apr. 4.—The United States High Commissioner for Germany, Mr John J. McCloy, tonight accused the Kremlin of seeking to widen the East-West gap in Germany with Nazi tactics.

"The free men and women of the city will not permit it and we will not permit it."

Mr McCloy, guest of honour, told the Pilgrims Society dinner at London's Savoy Hotel, that to achieve security, not only must Germany be militarily retrained and democratised but she must also become part of a united Europe.

"The need for a united Europe is made more urgent by the threat from the East but it would still be pressing even without that threat," he said.

"Any discussion of Germany must deal with the split between the East and West," Mr McCloy continued.

"When the fighting ended we had hoped that the four Allies could work together in healing the deep wounds of tyranny and war."

"Instead, each year the Kremlin has sought to widen the gap between East and West."

### DRAMATIC FORM

"In Germany the contest has taken dramatic form. The Soviets have constantly frustrated the determined efforts of the Western Allies to preserve the rule of a democratic order."

"The Soviet rulers have endeavored only to subjugate Germany into vassalage."

"In this drive the Soviets are again using in Germany the very methods the Nazis used such as short time ago—march youth, immorality, and the rule of a totalitarian and the National Front, violent abuse of opponents and constant purge."

"Despite their solemn pledge to outlaw German militarism they are training a German army in the Eastern zone under the guise of a police force."

"But he gave this pledge, 'The Communists will not succeed in taking over the city of Berlin. We shall stay in Berlin.'"

"The British, the French and the Americans are fully determined and fully united."

"Mr McCloy went on to say that the Soviet campaign was aimed first against Berlin, but post behind the Iron Curtain."

### EDITORIAL

## Battling Local Inflation

HESITATION by large industrial organisations in the Colony about granting additional h.c.l. allowances, and allowing themselves to be guided by the findings and the award of the Dairy Farm arbitration tribunal, derives from a feeling easily shared. If there is any perfect answer to the problem of decent living standards it is to be discovered not in raising wage scales but in reducing prices. Apart from an obvious reluctance by factory owners to accept the burden of inflated operating costs, with its natural corollary, passing it on to the consumer and preparing for a fall in trade, their primary argument, theoretically, at least, is not to be challenged. Boosted wage levels affecting the general labour situation is inflationary, and cannot be otherwise. Higher labour costs work insidiously on the price of commodities, stimulating a demand for yet further allowances, and swiftly promoting a dangerous spiral tendency. As the process continues, few find themselves better off, and the majority more severely feel the pinch. Analysing the normal economic consequences of inflation is, however, one thing, and formulating an intelligible check is quite another. As far as can be observed, most of the utility companies are prepared to surrender to the wage pressures, and it is difficult to make out a case in opposition to that policy. Over the past nine months commodity prices have advanced appreciably and nothing which can now be foreseen is likely to cause early retardation. Industrial concerns apparently are far from satisfied. Indeed, there are strong hints of likely representations to Government, urging administrative concentration on cutting the price of essentials, rather than compel employers to put their hands more deeply into their pockets. Un-

fortunately, it appears to stop at that point. The project of stirring Government to action lacks the backing of definite proposals demonstrating how Government is expected to accomplish the desired result. Hongkong's ruling prices are, it is agreed, out of all proportion to those in most other parts of the world. Reasons vary. Technically, it seems absurd that locally killed beef is far more expensive than stocks imported from Australia. But factors such as supply and demand, public preference or prejudice, the breakdown of normal channels, are involved to an extent not experienced elsewhere. Similarly with most other basic foods. Probing the extent of the trouble contributes little to its solution. It is not suggested, we imagine, that the Government should adopt Britain's price freeze policy, the system of providing food subsidies. Such controls are rigid and highly beneficial to the lowliest paid workers. If they were honestly advocated by industrialists and commercial firms, their possible imposition might commend itself to official consideration. It is, however, difficult to believe that anything in that direction conforms even to factory operators' ideas on how Government should curb market prices. Far from being psychologically prepared for such experiments, Hongkong's businessmen in the main seek exactly the reverse, the elimination of existing controls and the test of an entirely free market. Moreover, a subsidy programme would heavily tax the Colony's finances, and give the Financial Secretary incontestable justification for insisting on new sources of revenue. Is there a satisfactory alternative, guaranteed to achieve the required purpose? Industrialists in the mood to agitate for a new Government policy, can perhaps offer one.

## Senate Approves Full Vote For Point Four Programme

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved President Truman's full \$45,000,000 "Point Four" programme for technical assistance to the world's underdeveloped areas.

The Committee approved the programme as an amendment to the \$3,327,450,000 omnibus foreign aid measure which is awaiting action by the Senate.

Chairman Tom Connally, who announced the Committee action to reporters, said the Senate version contains "every essential for the purpose of carrying out the programme." The vote on the bill was 11-0.—United Press.

## America's Far East Policy Discussed In Closed Session

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, and his chief advisers on the Far East met today for the second time within a week with Congressional foreign policy leaders to review the American outlook in South-East Asia.

Mr Acheson appeared before a closed meeting of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee.

## Eyskens To Make New Attempt

Brussels, Apr. 4.—M. Gaston Eyskens, Belgian Catholic leader and "Caristaker" Premier, was called in by the Regent, Prince Charles, for consultations on the crisis over the future of King Leopold.

This development quickly followed the news that the Liberal leader, M. Albert Devaux, had today given up his week-long attempt to form a Cabinet to deal with the crisis.

M. Devaux was the third Belgian political leader to try to form a government. He was relieved of this task at his own request by Prince Charles.

The aim of the Catholics, according to Party circles, would be to put King Leopold back on the throne "soon after Easter."

### He was accompanied by

Dr Philip Jessup, United States Ambassador - at - Large, Mr Dean Rusk, newly appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, and Mr Walton Butterworth, an Assistant Secretary of State dealing with Japanese affairs.

Last week they reviewed the Far East position with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr Tom Connally (Democrat, Texas) reported that they stressed the urgency of giving American aid to some of the Asian countries, including Burma, Indo-China and Indochina, to help them resist Communism.

They appeared before the House Committee today to give a similar report.

Dr Jessup and Mr Butterworth recently returned from extensive tours of the Far East. They were called today to give the Committee a first-hand report of political and economic conditions in the region.—Reuter.

## BIG THREE CONFERENCE BIG ISSUES REACHING CLIMAX

Paris, Apr. 4.—A major drive to organise the nations of the Atlantic Pact into a well-knit political and economic as well as military bloc will reach its climax at the London Big Three Foreign Ministers' meeting on May 8, diplomatic quarters said here today.

France's M. Robert Schuman, Britain's Mr Ernest Bevin and the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, are said to share a growing conviction that nations of Europe can only be successfully united within the framework of a larger trans-Atlantic organisation, and that military defensive measures under the Atlantic Treaty require far-reaching political and economic co-ordination among member States to reach maturity.

French and British diplomats in Paris regard next month's meeting as one of the most important. Big Three conferences ever held.

The Big Three will also review the whole position in the Far East.

They will have to decide whether available resources should be concentrated on making Europe absolutely secure as a strategic base for the Western Powers, or to disperse their forces over the whole of the world strategic field.—Reuter.

## Glasgow Smallpox Alarm

Glasgow, April 4.—The Royal Air Force flew more than 300,000 units of smallpox vaccine to Glasgow today to build up stocks for possible mass immunisation in Western Scotland.

Dr Stuart Laidlaw, Glasgow Health Officer, said he would order the mass vaccination if more than a few secondary cases appear after the eight-day incubation period which ends today.

"By tonight we should have a pretty good idea of how bad the outbreak is. If more than a few secondary cases appear, we will immunise every man, woman, and child in Western Scotland."

An eleven-month-old baby died of smallpox on Monday night, bringing to two the death toll among the 21 confirmed cases which have raised the fear of an epidemic.

The first victim was a woman doctor, Janet Fleming, 20, who died on Saturday after refusing to be vaccinated because, she said, she did not believe in it.

## Labour M.P. In Serious Accident

London, Apr. 4.—The British Government's effectiveness in the House of Commons dropped temporarily to two tonight when the Labour Member of Parliament, Mr James Glavin, was taken to hospital with a fractured skull.

He was injured during a fall from a tramcar last night. There are now three Socialist and two Conservative Members of Parliament in hospital.—Reuter.

## Parliamentary Storm Over Malaya Campaign

### SHARP CRITICISM BY LORD MANCROFT

London, Apr. 4.—A Parliamentary storm over the government's conduct of the Malaya campaign broke in the House of Lords today when Lord Mancroft charged the government with "misjudging" the importance of the fight against Communist-inspired terrorists.

Speaking during a debate on defence, Lord Mancroft said Australia should send troops to Malaya because Britain would be unable to bear the burden of the Malayan campaign much longer.

"The British government has completely misjudged the nature and importance of the war in Malaya," he said. "Our plans there could be very well labelled 'Operation Afterthought'."

Lord Mancroft, who is a Conservative, said he would like to see Britain moving towards a Far Eastern union and a Pacific pact to effect the same cohesion for Far Eastern defence as had been achieved in the Western union.

"We can no longer regard our defence plans in the Far East as little vignettes. We must regard the strategic picture as a whole."

Lord Mancroft said he sought the government's assurance that the newly-appointed commander-in-chief, General Sir Harold Briggs, would receive full support in his demands for men, money and materiel.

"I think Britain is carrying too much of the burden. I think Australia and New Zealand should send a few Dakotas to Hongkong and I suggest we should ask Australia to lend us a battalion or two for Malaya."

He deprecated the government's contention that the banditry in Malaya was in no way connected with Communism in China.

**BALANCE TIPPED**  
There may be no evidence that men and material are pouring over the borders into Malaya, but there is evidence that the bandits in Malaya have derived considerable moral support from the recognition of Communist China as a new being in the world.

The strategic balance has been tipped sharply in favour of Russia, who has gained increased knowledge of atomic warfare and domination of the Chinese nation. Communist plans are being calculated on a cold, logical, practical basis in the Far East, whereas ours are an uncoordinated jumble.

Warning of the change in the strategic situation brought about by Communist control of the whole of the Far East was now threatened by Communism.

"The eyes of Communist China can stretch from Karachi to Shanghai," he declared.

**"NOT GUILTY"**  
Lord Alexander, former Minister of Defence, in an interminable reply for the Government, rejected the suggestion that it had been blameworthy for what had happened in Malaya.

"We have never neglected any single recommendation from Malaya regarding what should be done, either in regard to the improvement of police, strengthening the Forces or any other request that has been made to us," he said.

The Government pleaded "absolutely not guilty" to mis-handling the anti-guerrilla campaign, he said.

Lord Alexander acknowledged that the situation was still serious and he paid tribute to the police and military forces "for the devotion with which they are carrying out a difficult job."

Replying to criticism of the degree of co-operation on defence with the Commonwealth, Lord Alexander said that large sums were being spent on defence in the Dominions.

"In each case there are conferences of co-operation on defence with the Commonwealth," Lord Alexander said that large sums were being spent on defence in the Dominions.

### Meatless Easter Threat

London, Apr. 4.—Many of London's millions were today threatened with a meatless Easter holiday this weekend through a decision of 300 Smithfield meat market truck drivers to ban overtime.

Because employers will not allow them 40 more trucks for delivering meat to London shops, drivers are working only an eight-hour day, and the work of market porters is slowed down.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 tons of the official ration for 8,000,000 citizens have already been delivered, but between 500 and 800 more tons of meat are needed to provide the nation in full.—Reuter.

### MALAYAN POLICE PROBLEMS

## Specially Trained Force Recommended

Singapore, Apr. 4.—The British Mission, which investigated police problems in Malaya earlier this year, today published a report which commends measures taken to hunt down terrorist bands and makes recommendations for a "body of specially selected and trained police" to be set up after the present emergency.

The three-man Mission—Sir Alexander Maxwell, retired Under-Secretary of the Home Office, who led it, the Chief Constable J. F. Ferguson, of Kent, and Mr A. L. Jackson, Secretary of the Metropolitan Police—said that after the present emergency has passed the possibility of further attempts to create chaos in the country must be considered.

In addition to the specially selected police force, they recommended the following measures:

1.—High priority for schemes to settle squatters in suitable sites.

2.—Chinese recruits should be drawn into the uniformed forces and Asians should be appointed to gazetted rank as cadets in the same way as Europeans.

3.—The 500 British sergeants recruited on two-year agreements in 1948 should be offered re-engagements for a further three years with an increase of pay of at least \$3100 monthly.

4.—A welfare officer should be appointed to advise the police Commissioner on matters affecting the welfare and pay of the force.

5.—No more British inspectors should be recruited.

6.—Police vehicles operating in the jungle should be equipped with a searchlight.

### HUGE SEIZURE OF GOLD

Bombay, Apr. 4.—Indian customs officials going over a 100-ton craft inch by inch today have so far seized 3,000,000 rupees worth of smuggled gold but think that they have to break the boat up completely before giving up the search.

The haul after five hours of searching was 787 pounds weight of gold—the biggest haul in an Indian port this century. The small craft reached Bombay on April 1 with 20 Arabs on board. Her double thickness watertank was completely dismantled by customs men who hope that they are on the way to breaking up a big network of smugglers.—Reuter.

### What Protest?

London, Apr. 4.—Mr L. D. Gamman is to ask the Foreign Secretary on Thursday what investigation has been made regarding the use of Shanghai airfields by Russian anti-aircraft personnel and what protest he has made or proposes to make to the Chinese Government.—Our Own Correspondent.

## THE WITCH HUNTER DECLINES

### Senate Demanding The Evidence

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Senate Foreign Relations sub-Committee today called upon Senator Joseph McCarthy to turn over "all information, documentary or otherwise," bearing on his charges of Communism in the State Department.

The chairman of the sub-Committee, Senator Millard Tydings (Democrat), asked Senator McCarthy in a letter to produce all data in his files of a "pertinent character." He ordered the letter to be delivered personally to Senator McCarthy by the sub-Committee's counsel.

The request covered not only Senator McCarthy's allegations that Mr. Owen Lattimore, a Russian "top" agent operating here, but also his charges that pro-Communists are operating in the State Department.

Senator McCarthy told the United Press on Sunday that he would not comply with such a request even if it were followed by a subpoena action, lest he tip the hand of his informants and subject them to possible repressive action.

He told a reporter he would not furnish two affidavits which he said linked Mr. Lattimore to the 1945 espionage case, but he expressed the belief that he might be able, after further thinking, to give the sub-Committee the name of a man who he said would testify under oath that Mr. Lattimore was a Communist.—United Press.

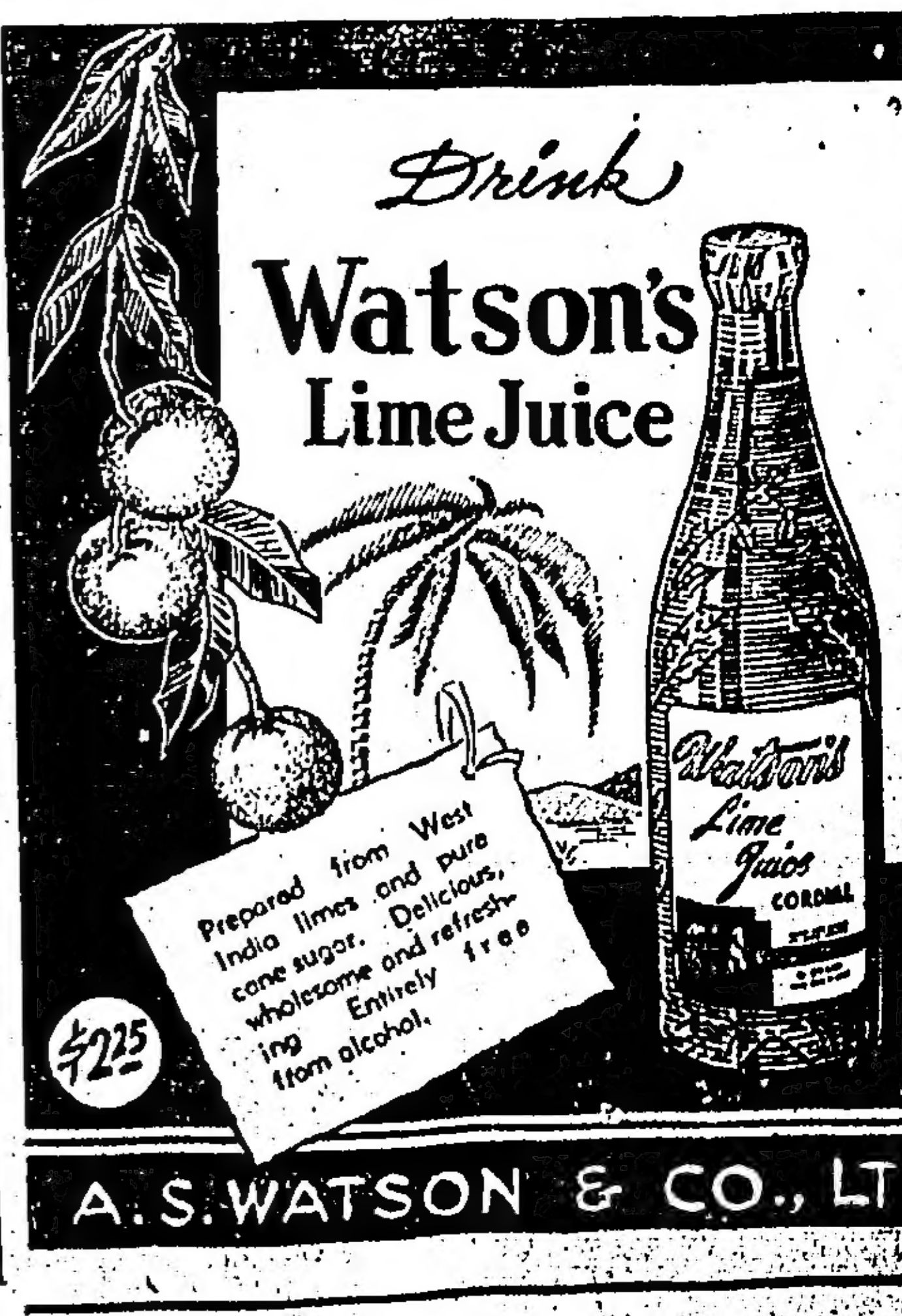
## Not Excited By Mystery Submarines

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, said today that he has received "no intelligence" about Russian submarines operating off the Pacific Coast.

He told the press that he will ask for more money to buy war planes if the Joint Chiefs of Staff decide they are needed to maintain 48 modern air groups.

Mr Johnson made the statement in reply to General Dwight Eisenhower and chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee who contended that the \$1,350,000,000 earmarked for aircraft in 1950 for the fiscal year 1950 is insufficient.

—United Press.



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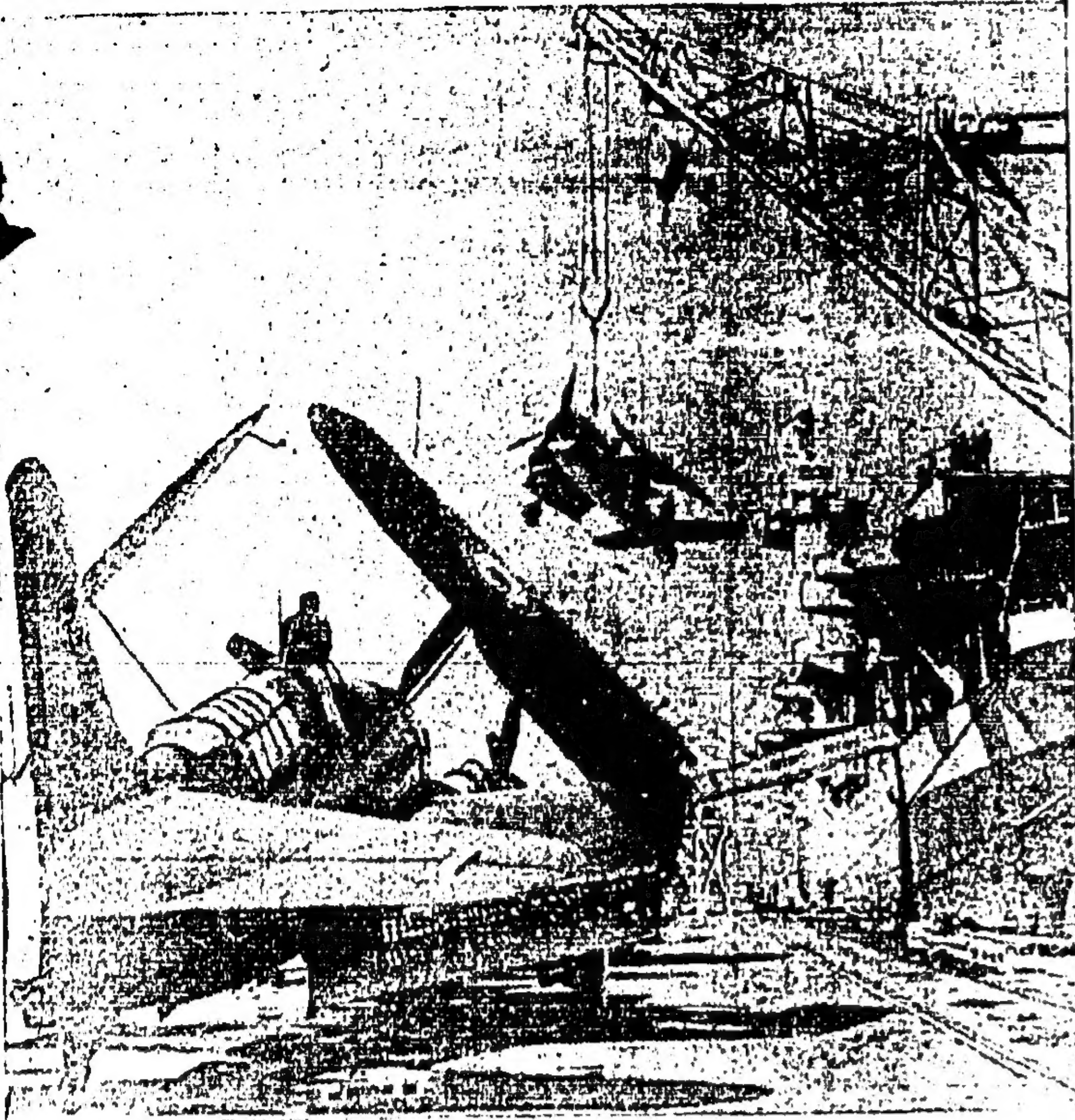
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## PLANE SHIPMENT UNDER ARMS AID



U.S. Navy fighter and bomber planes are loaded aboard the French aircraft carrier, Dixmude, at the Norfolk (Virginia) Naval Base as America's billion-dollar arms-for-Europe programme begins. The carrier ferried about 50 planes back to Europe. (Acme)

## Pressing Problem For The Commonwealth

London, Mar. 27.—Transfer of population, emigration, redistribution of the white population of the Commonwealth — all add up to one of the most pressing problems of the day. According to Mr H. H. Hinsley, Lecturer in Modern History at Cambridge, "the British must build a fourth British Empire of perish as a Great Power."

In outlining the arguments — historical, economic, strategic and demographic — in favour of redistribution within the Commonwealth, Mr Hinsley used his political and historical judgment on the facts.

Briefly, his point was this: the white populations of the world are likely to cease to grow altogether by 1970 or soon after. The main reason is the voluntary limitation of births over the past 70 years. Great Britain, he says, is a typical example, and quoted its facts and figures to prove it.

Mr Hinsley was addressing a large audience at the Royal Empire Society in London. There were murmurs of agreement when he made his second point—that in his opinion, there would be no great decline in the non-white peoples of the world for the next 100 years.

## SUN SYLPH



Film actress Rhonda Fleming suns herself during a boat trip on Lake Mead, near Las Vegas, Nevada. Her smooth lines provide a contrast to the rugged landscape in the background. (Acme)

"Move 20 million people from India and 20 million more will take their place in less than two years" he said.

The uneven distribution which we have in the Commonwealth at present has been both a source of strength and a source of weakness, politically and economically.

## MILITARILY UNSOUND

What has steadily ruined our economic position since the 1870's? he asked. Coincidence of continually increasing population at home, and continually increasing industrial competition abroad. "In attempting to expand exports while holding down imports, we are trying to reverse tendencies dominant in our external economic relations in the last 70 years."

In Britain, the majority of people look upon emigration as the way to a new life, in countries which are badly under-populated. But there is a strong strategic argument in favour of emigration to the dominions. It is now militarily unsound to have the centralisation of the Commonwealth war potential in the United Kingdom, owing to the revolution which has taken place in war by the development of new weapons.

"Redistribution as a long term policy must concern us," said Mr Hinsley. "We can no longer rely on the Navy and the English Channel for defence." Apparently we can no longer even act as an arsenal or a planning headquarters, for the same reason.

Both in the interests of the Commonwealth, and of Great Britain itself, redistribution of population is the most logical and sensible strategy. Far from serving a sinking ship—the attitude adopted by many who are against emigration—Great Britain could easily afford to lose twenty million people. She would still be the centre of the Commonwealth. She would still have some thirty million people left.

## NOT SO STARTLING

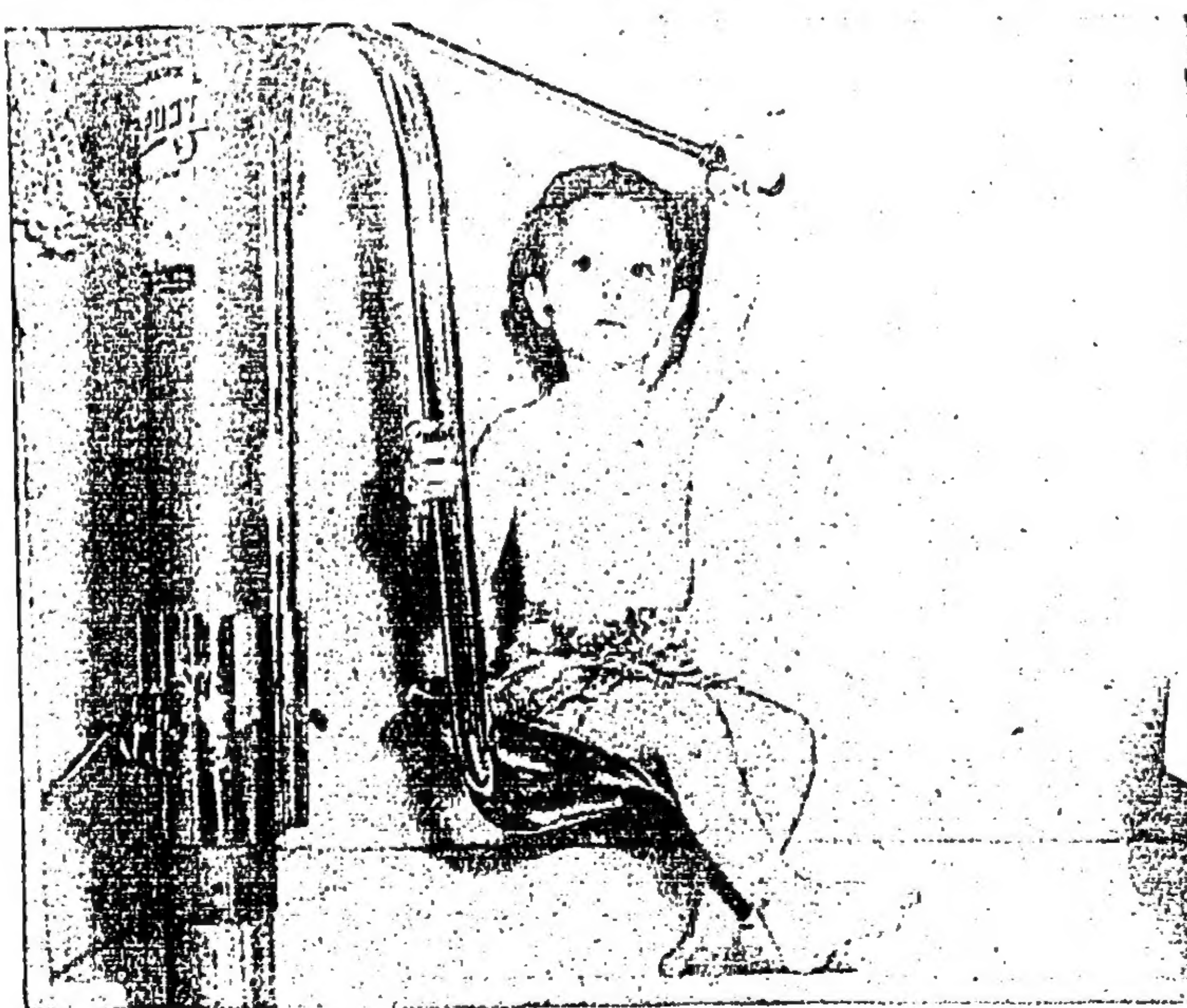
Development is held back in the colonies because they are under-populated, and Mr Hinsley envisages a net transfer of twelve to fifteen million people mostly to Canada, Australia and New Zealand, but also to South Africa and Rhodesia. This figure is not so startling when converted to the annual rate of just under 500,000 emigrants a year. At present 300,000 emigrants a year is our average since the war.

Mr Hinsley stressed that a fair cross-section of the population must leave—old and young, working and dependent, skilled and unskilled, and said that

steps would have to be taken to adjust the financial and other economic relationships between the Dominions and Great Britain.

Not for a moment did Mr Hinsley suggest that a scheme of this magnitude is a simple undertaking. He did, however, insist that it was not an impossible task, and does not think emigration should be regarded as a defeatist policy. It could be the promotion of Commonwealth evolution on the soundest lines.

## MAKING THE BATHTUB SAFE



Little Merle Graham, aged five, tests a new device in Chicago to abolish falls in the bathtub. Working like a motor car jack, the hoist seat lifts the bather, swings him over the tub and lowers him into the water. All he has to do is to wash himself. (Acme)

## K. O. CANNON . . . . . The Riddle of the Red Domino



## Lowland Division Lives Again

"Not all these indispensable changes in the structure of the Territorial Army are unpleasant necessities," said Mr John Strachey, the War Minister, when he outlined Britain's new plan for her reserve Army in the House of Commons recently. "For example," he continued, "it has been possible to group certain brigades together in Scotland to form a reconstituted 52nd Lowland Division, the absence of which from the Territorial Army has been much deplored in the past."

The news of the re-birth of this Division will give pleasure to much more than Scotland. It has a name and a reputation which stand high among all Territorials and with the Regular Army.

Few such major formations as the 52nd had so many changes of role and unexpected adventures in World War II. The only British division to remain a purely Territorial formation from the beginning to the end of hostilities, it formed part of the 2nd British Expeditionary Force sent into France after Dunkirk in June 1940, in a last and very desperate attempt to stiffen the collapsing French resistance.

Only 157 Brigade and its supporting artillery was actually involved in this fighting. When it came, the Jocks were 150 miles inland from Cherbourg, having slogged their way in searching heat through columns of refugees and disorganised French soldiers.

## NIGHTMARE TREK

They went into action in virtual isolation as the news of the surrender of Paris came through. They fought grimly, but were withdrawn when the German attacks became too heavy, and were sent even further away from the Channel ports to join a "last line across Brittany" which the French were reported to be preparing.

It was only when after disaster faced them that Lord Almonbrooke, acting firmly, ordered final withdrawal and evacuation. After another nightmare trek to the coast, the last Jocks started across the Channel early on June 16. That evening, the Germans entered Cherbourg.

It was to be four years before the Division went into action again—four years spent in arduous training and preparing for a bewildering variety of roles. In "Mountain and Flood," the newly-published history of the Division, Mr George Blake, an ex-52nd man himself and a former editor of the Edinburgh Evening Citizen, describes them thus:

"For years, in the Highlands of Scotland, it practised the special arts of Mountain Warfare, learning by hard experience and in harsh conditions a technique of fighting which was the most recent specialist in the War Office;

indeed contributing to the fund of British military experience a whole series of discoveries the Imperial General Staff had never before been obliged to contemplate.

It then received the more common sort of training in Combined Operations and the use of amphibious craft. In a third phase it mastered the highly specialised sciences proper to an airborne, or rather, air-portable division. Its staff planned to undertake no fewer than seven major operations from Normandy up to, and including, Arnhem.

## UNDER SEA LEVEL

The Division did not go into action until October 1944, more than three months after D-Day, and then the Jocks who wore on their sleeves the proud "Mountain" legend of their specialised training were led to assault the low beaches and dykes of South Devon and Walcheren, and in the conquest of these Dutch Islands, to fight largely under sea level and often to move in boats. At no time until its campaign ended with the capture of Bremen did the Division, trained for the ridges, the passes and the peaks, fight at more than 300 feet above sea level.

During its long training, the Jocks learned to use the aid and the snowshoe, to make igloos and shape and live in holes scooped in the mountain-top snows, and they experimented with every kind of new equipment and gadget.

One party went to Colorado to test the U.S.-developed "Weasel," a tracked vehicle which can surmount snow, swamp and water. Another party was sent to study mountaineering in the Canadian Rockies.

## FALSE MESSAGES

Negative though this training may have appeared at the time, it proved to be perhaps their most important role. Though they never made the attack on Norway for which they were intended, the Germans' knowledge that a division was being trained in mountain warfare in the Highlands kept big and badly-needed enemy forces tied up awaiting an invasion that never came.

This illusion was heightened in 1944. False radio messages sent out by the 52nd hoodwinked the Germans into believing that an attack on Norway was imminent at the time

when the Allies were poised for their invasion of Normandy. After its experiences in Holland, the Lowland Division had some very hard fighting on the frontier of Germany, cleared out the Ruhr pocket, and became the first British Division to set up its headquarters on German soil. It crossed the Dortmund-Ems canal at Rhine in co-operation with the tanks of the "Desert Rats" and 4th Armoured Brigade, in the face of desperate resistance from the best troops the Germans had left, and ended on a note of triumph with the capture of the great bomb-smashed seaport of Bremen.

Not a few Englishmen served in the 52nd, and its one VC, Fusilier Dennis Donning (Royal Scots Fusiliers) was the son of an Italian confectioner in a Durham mining village.

## FESTIVAL WILL END IN BLAZE OF GLORY

This year's Edinburgh International Festival of Music and Drama, which will be held from August 20 to September 9, is to end in a blaze of glory on the Castle Esplanade.

Sir Thomas Beecham is to conduct a performance of Handel's "Music for the Royal Fireworks" on the Esplanade, with the Castle as a background. The orchestra will be augmented by two brass bands, and there will be an accompaniment of cannon from the Castle.

The lights on the Castle and the Esplanade will then be extinguished, and a gigantic fireworks display will bring the Festival to a close.

## FOUR PLAYS

There will be four plays at the Festival, three of them by Scotsmen, and two of them by contemporary dramatists, Eric Linklater and James Bridie. The Old Vic Company will give the first public performance for 22 years of Ben Jonson's "Bartholomew Fair." Dame Sybil Therridie, Sir Lewis Casson, and Sonie Dresdel will be among the artists who will appear.

The New York Ballet Theatre, the Grand Ballet de Monte Carlo (with Leonide Massine as guest artist) and some Spanish dancers will each perform for a week, and the seven orchestras include the world-famous Milan Orchestra of La Scala, the Sinfonietta, the Orchestra from Denmark, the Orchestra National, the Halle and the Royal Philharmonic. One thousand nine hundred artists in all will take part. It is hoped to stage a military display.

Letters of inquiry are pouring in at the rate of 500 a week from all parts of the world.

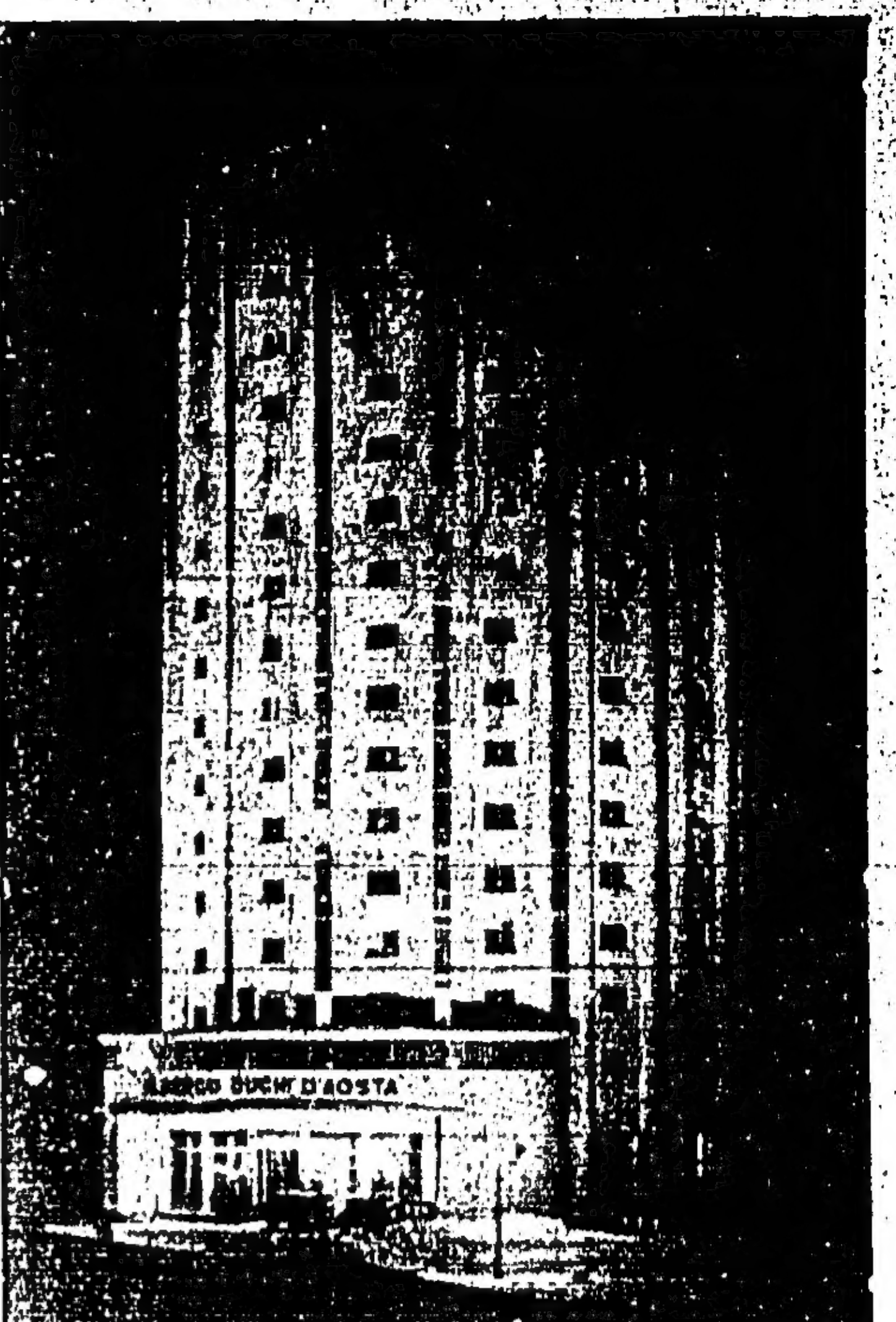
## TRIBUTE TO RED CROSS

In Nelson's cabin in HMS Victory, the Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Almonro Williams, entertained the British Red Cross Society to luncheon recently, as a token of gratitude for its work for the Navy during the war and since.

The 20 guests, including the Society's chairman, Lord Woolton, and its vice-chairman, the Countess of Liverpool, assembled in Nelson's day cabin, the study in which he wrote his famous prayer before Trafalgar and began his unfinished letter to Lady Hamilton.

Both cabins were as they were in Nelson's time, including the black-and-white checker-board floor covering of old sail canvas. But instead of the lanterns which lighted the cabin when Nelson and Hardy dined together, there was electric light.

## NOT OPTICAL ILLUSION



No, it's a night view of a resort hotel in the winter sports town of Sestriere, Italy. The famous landmark, built like a circular tower, has 184 rooms which range along a 1,700-foot spiral ramp. (Acme)

## Colourful London Ceremony

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 23. Doctor Subandrio, the newly appointed Ambassador of Indonesia, today presented his credentials to the King at Buckingham Palace. At 11 a.m. two gleaming black and gold State landaus, with the Royal Crest blazoned on the coach doors, drew up outside the Embassy in old Knightsbridge crescent, and in so doing a colourful old custom was revived.

This is the first time since the war that a Foreign Ambassador has been called for in this traditional way.

The trappings of the two chestnut horses, leading the first landau, were hung with tassels of gold, and the coachmen and footmen wore ankle-length scarlet caped coats.

Sir John Monk, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, stepped out of the first one and went inside the Embassy to bring Dr Subandrio back with him. The new Ambassador was dressed traditionally in Javanese blangkon, dark wiron, and plain jacket, and faced a battery of cameras as he stood on the Embassy steps.

## MADAME SUBANDRIO

A diversion was caused by Dudojo, the Ambassador's six-year-old son, who could hardly contain his impatience, and clamoured to be allowed to go with his father to the palace.

I noticed Madame Subandrio in the entrance, dressed in a pale blue and black kebaya, and

brilliantly coloured kain, with a black lace scarf over her shoulders.

In the second landau was the Trade Commissioner, Mr Westerman, and the First Secretary, Dr Zainal Abidin.

Dr Subandrio held a large white envelope containing his official letters of credence, stamped with a five-pointed star like that used by President Soekarno to illustrate his five-point plan. The official crest of the new Embassy has not yet been chosen.

## IMPROMPTU PARTY

Mounted police escorted the coaches as they drove along Knightsbridge and up Constitution Hill, and crowds of sight-seers watched them enter the courtyard of . . . Buckingham Palace.

Another Ambassador who presented his credentials this morning with all the glory and pomp of a prewar London ceremony was from Ecuador.

It was just 15 minutes before the brief ceremony was over, and the landau brought Dr Subandrio back to the Embassy. There an impromptu luncheon party was held, and as Sir John Monk was leaving, Dudojo, who had been expressly told by his mother not to talk to anyone, rushed forward and called out excitedly "Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye!"

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"Which of you did that?"

London Express Service

## Sitting on the Fence....

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

A FAINT blush of embarrassment mantled my cheeks when I read that "The nudist conference, which will consist of meetings and speeches by prominent members of various professions, will be conducted in a state of complete nudity."

This does not mean that I am a prude. I hope I am as broad-minded as anybody.

But, to one who not only bolts the bathroom door but blocks up the keyhole with soap, the sudden vision of a nude conference is something of a shock.

Unless he is utterly brazen, I imagine the chairman will feel rather uncomfortable as he rises from the partial protection of the conference table, fumbling nervously for the familiar armhole of his waistcoat and scratching himself painfully in the attempt.

As he coughs nervously every convolution of the diaphragm will be watched with interest by a fascinated audience.

### Speech, speech

MAKE up that his speech will go something like this:

Ladies and gentlemen, We are gathered here today (mind your cigarette, Mr. Rawson, or you will burn Mrs. Ramsbottom)... I say we are gathered here today... (If you are suffering from the itch, madam, you would oblige me by leaving the room)... I repeat, we are gathered here today to discuss matters of vital importance affecting the movement... (and right, sir, we will wait until a steward finds you a handkerchief)... as I say, affecting a movement which is gradually breaking down inherited prejudice and spreading throughout the world... (don't hold that lighted match too near the gentleman's chest, waiter. You may set him on fire)... Like all pioneers we are persecuted and must expect to be the object of ridicule and cheap gibes, but with our courage in both hands... (Mrs. Bloomingdale, while this is not the time to play "This Little Piggy Went To Market," and I should be extremely grateful if you would have the courtesy to keep your feet under the table.)

Years and years and years rolled by

And Mr. Smith asked "Why, then, why should one endure for years to come

A life so dreary and hum-drum?"

So when he thought he'd had enough

He very quietly bumped her off.

The judge, his black cap on his head,

Asked Smith, "Why did you shoot her dead?"

And Smith replied, "I wasn't cross,

But she was so monotonous."

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Saying always that the food was, as ever, not much good.

Every morning as he shaved Mr. Smith he stormed and raved.

Not because of woes or ills, But Mrs. Smith would talk of bills.

At the time when he and she Drank their morning cup of tea.

Precisely as the clock struck seven

Smith returned to home and heaven,

And Mrs. Smith would always say,

"How has business been to-day?"

And Mr. Smith who knew his line,

Would always answer, "It was fine."

As the long, blank hours sped Till the time to go to bed,

Mrs. Smith would sit and knit

And Mr. Smith would sit and sit.

Mr. Smith he had no news And Mrs. Smith she had, no views.

Though each would take a sporting chance

In any given circumstance

That each would know what each would say

On any topic of the day.

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of condition could stand the strain."—An anonymous Mansion House official to a reporter.

FEW people realize that every Lord Mayor of London goes into strict training before he is elected, and some idea of the hard life they lead may be gathered from the following day's programme which I obtained by the usual underhand methods:—

7.30 a.m.: Wakened with a pint of turtle soup instead of tea. The idea is to get their systems used to turtle soup.

8 a.m.: Turn a mile in full regalia with chains of office.

8.30 a.m.: Breakfast. More turtle soup, caviare, oysters, and champagne.

9 a.m. to 12: Running, skipping, jumping, swimming, riding, boxing, wrestling, judo, jiu-jitsu, ham-kiri, and turtle soup.

12 to 1 p.m.: Medicine ball and massage. Turtle soup cocktail.

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Three lunches, including turtle soup. One at home one at the Mansion House, and one for luck.

4 to 4.30 p.m.: Rest.

5 p.m.: Turtle soup tea.

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Six dinners, including turtle soup.

10.30 p.m.: Turtle soup night-cap.

11 p.m.: Bed and a bowl of turtle soup.

—(London Express Service)

### Day in the life of a Lord Mayor

"Lord Mayors are always chosen for their stamina because no man who is not in the pink

## DANGER Old shoes and mangles harm housewives most

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

EVERY year

more than a million

people injure themselves in

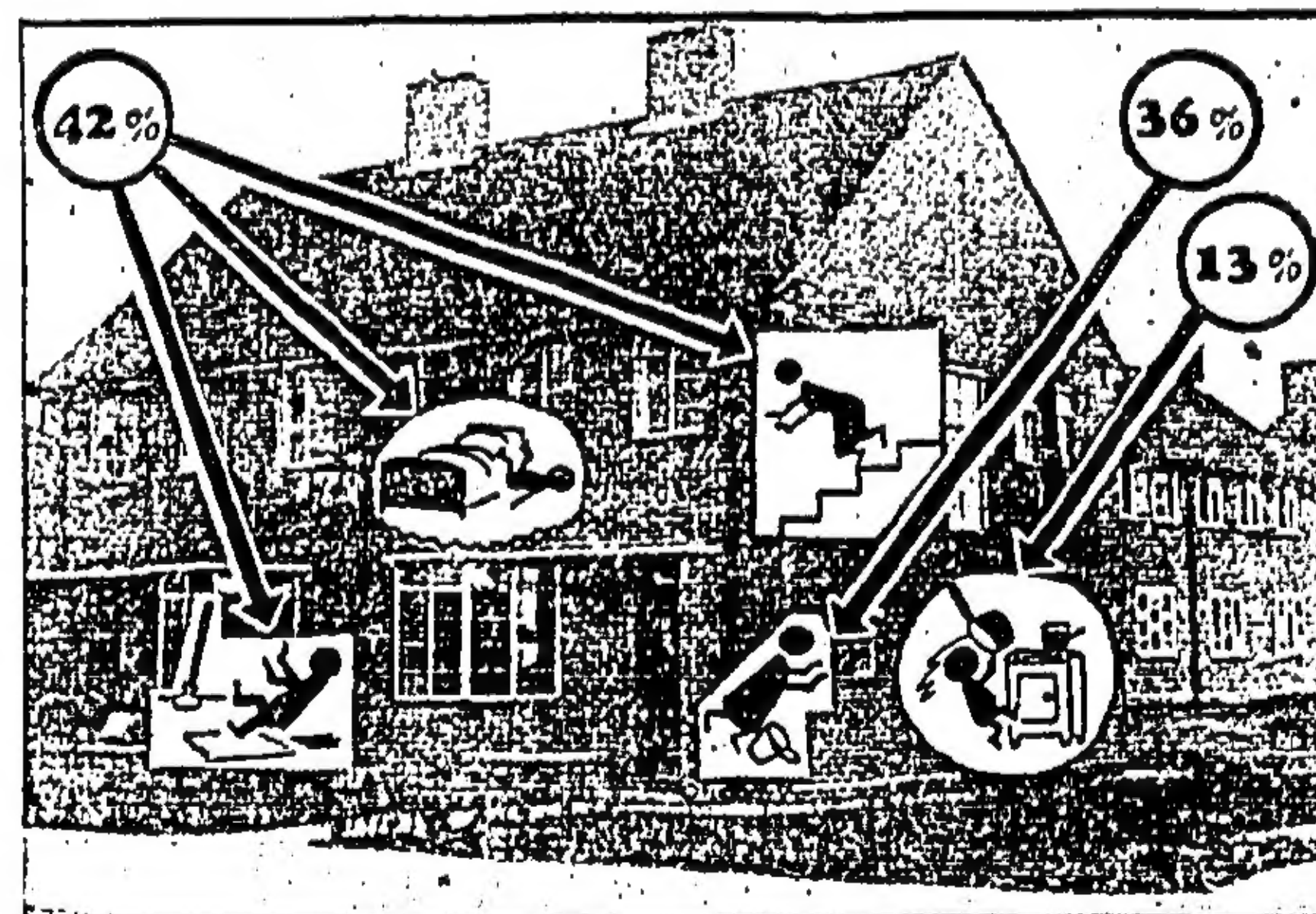
home accidents badly

enough to need hospital treatment.

One of the commonest causes of these accidents is shoes—high-heeled shoes, shoes with slippery soles, and sloppy shoes in need of repair.

The dangers are spotlighted in an analysis, carried out by Works Ministry scientist Miss Olive Castle, of 3,000 household accidents.

Her report shows that more than twice as many women as men get injured in the home, but more boys are hurt than girls, because they romp about more on furniture.



FIVE SPOTS—where most of the accidents occur.

leave scalding liquids within reach of children are to blame for most of them.

The most dangerous domestic machine is the mangle; the most dangerous implement, the chopper.

Many of these injuries are easily avoidable, especially those caused by using chairs as makeshift ladders. Miss Castle claims:

She gives mothers four main tips for cutting down domestic mishaps:—

1. Fit safeguards wherever there are children and old people;

2. Arrange better lighting on darkened stairs;

3. Avoid wearing high-heeled or worn-out shoes for housework;

4. Do not leave hot pots and pans where children can get at them.

"A greater awareness of the risks attached to the use of equipment in a bad state of repair would also prevent many of the accidents," she writes in the Lancet.

—London Express Service.

## C. V. R. Thompson on tour

You can live like this —with Marshall aid

HOUSTON, TEXAS.

THE price of building land has gone up in some parts of Houston, oil capital of Texas, to \$750 an inch—yes, an inch—of frontage. Well, at the rate I am going I should soon own an inch of Houston.

No hotel could charge as much as mine without giving its guests a share in the freehold.

I have one of the cheaper rooms—more than £5 a day.

If I were staying a month, I could have a roof-top apartment, library, solarium and all, for £700 a month. As it is all I get is a bedroom.

Oh, there are refinements. Some mechanical monster in the basement, which the management wants me to call "the lower level," delivers my air, cooled or heated as the climate requires, through a vent. Windows are just something on which to hang curtains.

And there are dim lights—except that two of mine are not working—which go on beside the switches every time they are turned off, so I do not have to fumble in the dark.

SIX BUTTONS which bring me every radio highlight from Bob Hope to the chimes of Big Ben, or, if I prefer, endless recordings of soft music.

Still, it is just a bedroom.

To eat at my hotel almost calls for Marshall aid. I took two friends to dinner last night. There were no drinks for in Texas you have to bring your own flask or bottle.

This was our menu: Four prawns, a small fillet steak



(good) French beans (undercooked) fried potatoes (overcooked) salad (fuming baked Alaska (although after using ten matches the waiter could not light the brandy that makes it flame), and coffee.

The bill—£16. Someone worked that out at 7s. 6d. a mouthful.

MY HOTEL, the largest built in America since the war, and the most luxurious, according to the advertisements, ever built in America, is called the Shamrock.

It does not take long for the visitor to catch on to the fact that it has an Irish motif.

The staff uniforms are green. Green dominates the immense lobby. The restaurant, where I had dinner, is the Emerald Room.

The specially painted oils in its 1,100 rooms all have green in them. Altogether there are 63 different shades of green in the decor. Even the exit signs are green instead of red.

YOU REGISTER in green ink. And the water in the hand-splashed swimming pool is green-tinted.

Millionaire Glenn McCarthy built the Shamrock much as we would build a chicken house—by paying out in cash as he went along.

The total bills amounted to nearly £8,000,000.

For any return on his money the Shamrock must rent 80 percent of its rooms every night for an average of £8 a room.

Mr McCarthy will not say what the Shamrock has done.

His first-year figures give such information as this: 650lb. of shrimps have been served every week; the valets pressed 10,765 dinner suits.

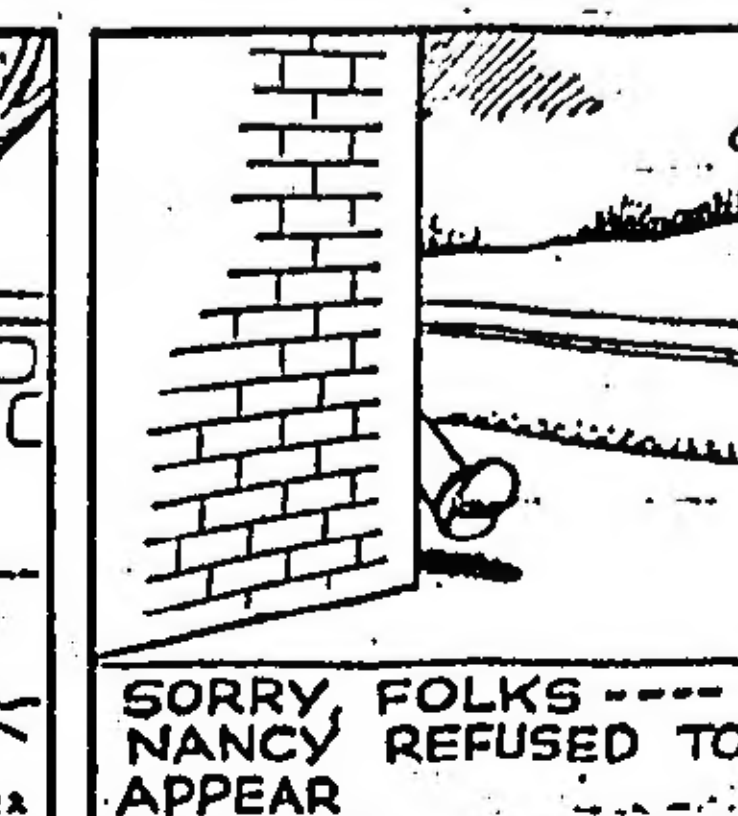
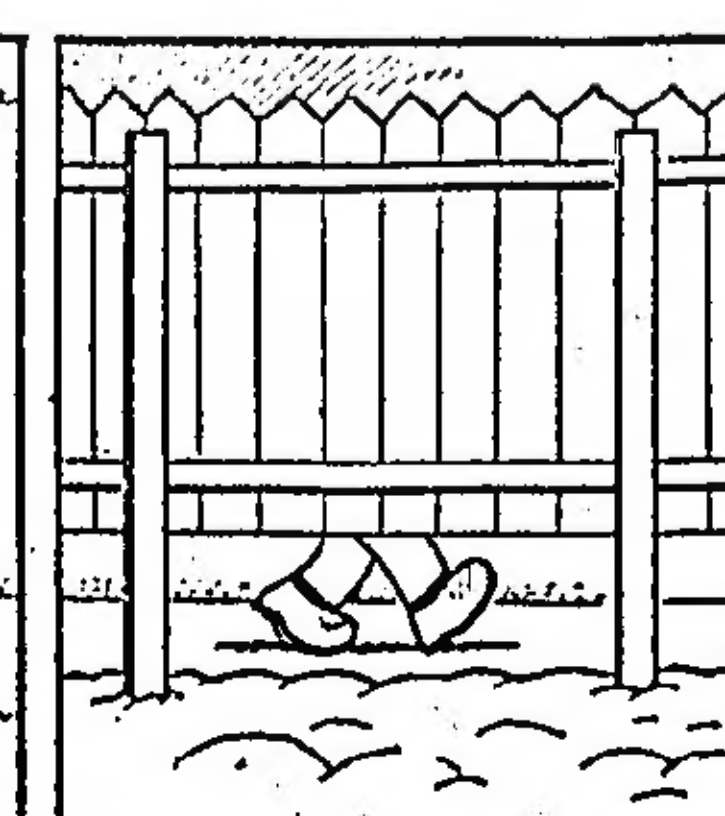
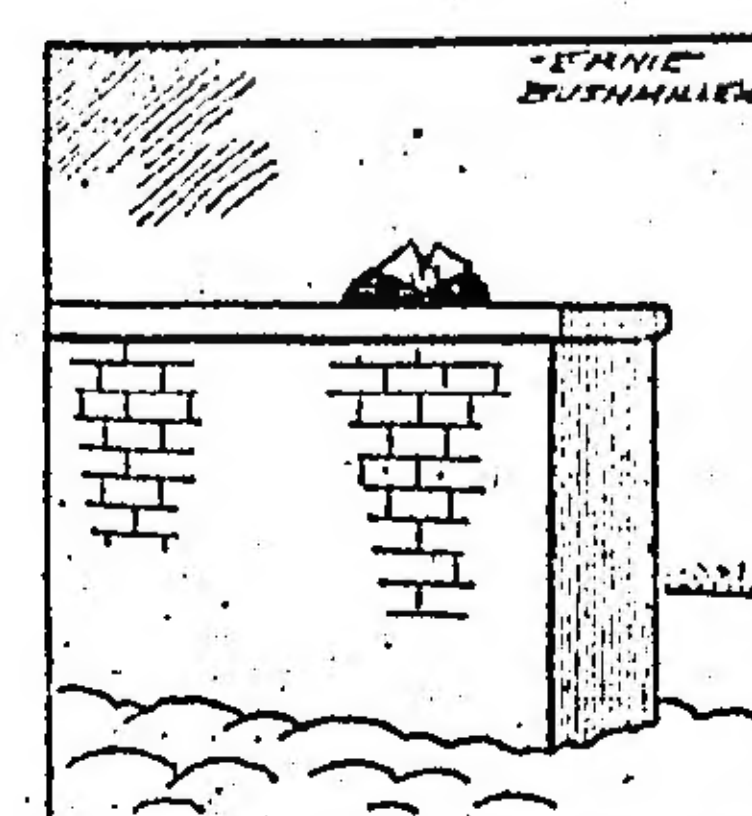
More detailed figures would, he says, be "too much help to our competitors."

But the rumour will not be downed that the Shamrock, for all its green, is somewhat in the red.

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### NANCY

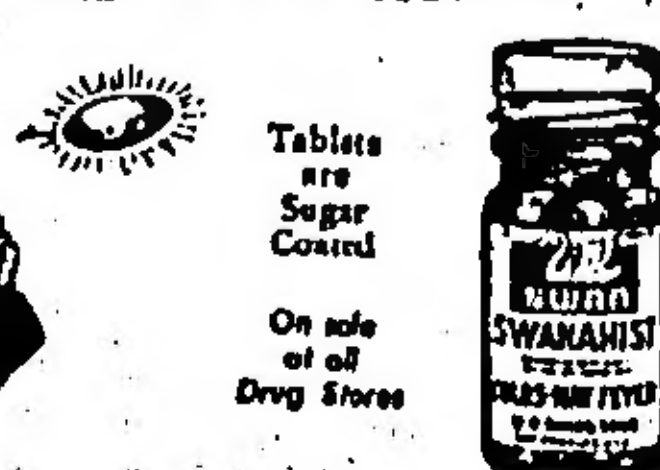
Rest in Pieces



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# JAPANESE PEACE TREATY DRAFT READY IN MAY?

## Procedure Deadlock With Russia

Washington, Apr. 4.—Top United States officials said today they were "very hopeful" that during the next few weeks considerable progress could be made towards realising the goal of a Japanese peace treaty. They warned, however, that it would be unwise, in view of the complexity of the situation, to be over-optimistic as to what might be achieved.

## Lattimore Attacked By Communists!

New York, Apr. 4.—The Communist Daily Worker, in a Washington dispatch today, attacked Mr Owen Lattimore, who has been charged by Senator Joseph McCarthy with being the top Russian agent in the State Department.

The Worker said that publication of the memorandum by Mr Lattimore to the State Department on the Far Eastern situation showed he had been "seeking to establish the dominance of American imperialism in the Far East."

"It is a warning to the State Department of what actions to avoid in order that the United States shall not be recognised in its role of exploiter," the Worker said.

"Publication of the so-called Lattimore document today revealed that the McCarthy clique in the Senate regards as pro-Communist any Far Eastern programme not aimed at the immediate conquest of China."

"He admitted that any Far Eastern policy which could be attacked inside the United States as a bid for better relations with Russia runs the danger of being defeated, presumably in the Senate," the Worker said.

## CALCUTTA'S EPIDEMICS

Calcutta, Apr. 4.—Calcutta has been gripped by two serious epidemics—smallpox and cholera—in the past three months, with a death toll of 2,385 lives, according to official reports.

Smallpox, which became epidemic early in January, has claimed 1,700 lives so far, while cholera, declared to be epidemic on January 28, has so far taken a toll of 685 lives.

Calcutta's smallpox cases during this period totalled 3,200. Last year smallpox killed 191 people, while cholera attacked 3,719 and killed 1,109, Reuters.

## SMALL FIRE

Fire in a rubbish chute of the New Telephone Building, Nathan Road, which is occupied by the 15th General Army Hospital, early this morning was quickly extinguished with buckets of water by service personnel. No damage was caused.

## Saar Parliament Endorses Pact

Saarbrücken, Apr. 4.—The Saar Parliament today endorsed the Franco-Saar convention, providing for greater political independence and closer economic links with France, by 47 votes against one.

The only vote against the convention was cast by a Communist, Reuters.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Ask her if she hasn't got special rates for babies like Waldo who sleep all the time?"

## Sculpture In Salt



This salt carving in a mine at Kochendorf, Germany, is one of many that attract week-end visitors to the glistening white salt caverns, domes and arches.

## Bridges Convicted Of Perjury

San Francisco, Apr. 4.—Harry Bridges, leader of 25,000 West Coast longshoremen, was convicted today of perjury and conspiracy for swearing that he was not and never had been a Communist.

The middle-class jury of eight men and four women found him guilty after a stormy trial which lasted more than four months. The jury deliberated 31 hours.

The conviction carries a maximum prison term of seven years plus a fine of US\$15,000 and paves the way for the government to press action to deport the CIO longshoremen and warehousemen union president.

The jury also found J.R. Robertson, top organizer in Bridges' union, and Henry Schmidt, union vice-president, guilty on both the conspiracy count and the charge of aiding and abetting Bridges in committing perjury.

Vincent Hallinan, counsel for Bridges, immediately announced that he would appeal against the verdict.—United Press.

## DRY DRILLS

In order to help in the water economy drive, Hong Kong and Kowloon firebrigades are now having "dry" practice drills. Water will only be used when the testing of pumps becomes necessary or to clean hoses after a fire.

## Nehru and Ali Khan discuss Bengal

New Delhi, Apr. 4.—Discussions between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan, which continued today, are understood to have covered the question of instituting machinery in East and West Bengal and Assam for the implementation of the general understanding reached between the two Governments concerning the well-being and protection of minorities in either country.

Mr Nehru and Mr Liaquat Ali Khan met for over an hour and a half this afternoon. This meeting was followed by a conference between Mr Nehru and his Cabinet Ministers.

The talks between the two Dominion Premiers, as also those on the secretariat level, will be resumed tomorrow and are expected to continue on Thursday.

The constitution, scope and functions of the machinery to implement the agreement on these lines are, according to informed quarters, under consideration by the two Prime Ministers.

The present indications are that the Governments of West Bengal, East Bengal and Assam may be asked to get up commissions in their respective provinces, consisting of representatives of the Hindu and Moslem communities.

It will be the task of these commissions to inquire into complaints of minority communities in their provinces and make prompt recommendations for their redress to the respective governments.

It will also be their task to facilitate the return of evacuees, assist in their rehabilitation and protect evacuee property.

The two Prime Ministers were also understood to be examining a proposal for the establishment of an inter-governmental high-power committee whose task would be to maintain liaison between the commissions in East Bengal, West Bengal and Assam and deal with matters requiring consideration at a higher level.

## MAHASABHA ARRESTS

Meanwhile it was learned from Government of India sources that the arrest of Hindu Mahasabha leaders in Bombay and Poona today and the expulsion from Delhi three days ago of Mahasabha's President,

## "China question may alter Atlantic Pact"

London, Apr. 4.—Developments in China have provided conditions which call for a fresh estimation of the Atlantic Treaty, the *Manchester Guardian* said in a special article on Monday.

## Greek Rumours Denied

Athens, Apr. 4.—The United States Embassy here and the American Aid Mission in Greece today categorically denied reports in some Athens newspapers that the Mission was withholding credits pending the clarification of the political situation in Greece, the Athens news agency reported.

The United States Ambassador, Dr Henry Grady, recently warned the Greek Government that a stable administration was required to justify American aid.

The flow of American aid would continue normally as over the past two years, the Aid Mission said.

The Greek Premier, Mr. Sofokles Venizelos, said that the Government had no indications that Americans might be withholding aid and his Ministers were working normally with the Americans on the programme for food imports and public works.—Reuter.

## Storm Over Malaya

(Continued from Page 1)

than ever existed before," he said.

Britain could not look to India and Pakistan for help in the threatened trouble while the "unfortunate dispute over Kashmir" continued, Lord Strabolgi, a Labour Peer, told the House of Lords.

He stressed, however, that if Britain were in actual trouble she could do so.

Viccount Bridgeman (Conservative) complained that the Government's 1950 White Paper on defence did not emphasise the need for the co-ordination of defence forces of the Commonwealth. This, he said, was a distinctly retrograde step when most of our present Service troubles are concerned with South-East Asia, which is in the Commonwealth sphere of influence.

Lord Strabolgi also mentioned the debate that Israel would be an ideal base and arsenal for British forces in the Middle East.

It might be possible with patience diplomacy skill and wisdom to induce the State of Israel to enter the Commonwealth.

If India could become a contented member of the Commonwealth he did not see why one day Israel could not come in, too.—Reuter and United Press.

## ATTLEE PROMISES PURGE

London, Apr. 4.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, told Parliament today that the Government's purge of Communists from the Civil Service would be "resolutely pursued."

He was replying to Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, who asked him to intensify the purge in view of the fact, information and names he had sent him.

Mr Attlee replied that it was the Government's policy to ensure that no one known to be a member of the Communist Party, or to be associated with it in such a way as to raise legitimate doubts about his reliability, was employed in work vital to the security of the State.

He said that he asked almost daily questions in Parliament about alleged Communist infiltration, offered to send the Prime Minister a book called "Socialism is destroying British freedom" if he would undertake to read it.

Members chuckled when Mr Attlee replied that the time he could give to works of fiction was strictly limited.

Mr Martin Lindsay asked if the Prime Minister thought it satisfactory that there should be 2,000 Communists employed as teachers.

Mr Attlee replied that members of the teaching profession had always laid great stress on the point that, whatever their views, they did not interfere with their teaching.—Reuter.

## Radio Hongkong

1. 5.30, "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary; 6, "Take It From Here"—with Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards (London Relay); 6.40, The Melancholy String; 6.45, Peter Valder (Studio); 7, "The Lucky Dip"—A Selection of this week's Variety Request Letters; 7.15, "The Christmas Show" (Studio); 8, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15, "The Orchestra of the Week"—The Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky; 8.45, "Generalissimo's Week"—"It Wasn't Such Fun" A Talk by Macdonald Hastings (London Relay); 9, "From News to Music"—10.45, Soft Lights (BBC); 10, "French Cabaret"; 10.30, Piano Recital by Monique de la Bruhollerie; 10.45, Soft Lights (BBC); 11, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Weather Report, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 11.30, "God Save the King" (Recorded); 11.50, Close Down.

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## WEST SURREY CLUBS DEFY THE CLUB CRICKET CONFERENCE

Competitive cricket — which I have always supported — is anathema to the Club Cricket Conference, which runs the club game in the South of England. Now this body has been rapping over the knuckles Surrey clubs which have transgressed, but which remain unrepentant.

The competition is an annual one, played in West Surrey for a cup, and several clubs who regularly enter are members of the CCC.

So Mr Duncan Wright, competition secretary, has received a letter from the Conference which enjoins:

"This type of cricket is not approved by the Club Cricket Conference and it is a condition of membership that clubs do not take part in competitive cricket."

But this annual piece of fun is too well established to be upset by the CCC. All the leading clubs in the area now take part. Matches are held in the evenings, and each innings is limited to about 20 overs big hitting and quick scoring is a feature of the game.

The final last year, when Farncombe beat Ripley, attracted over 2,000 spectators—a bigger crowd than the average county cricket week at Guildford last year.

### GO ON?—CERTAINLY

The competition is now organised by the Surrey Association of Cricket Clubs (Guildford Area), whose chairman, Rear Admiral S. H. Dunlop, told my reporter:

"Far from abandoning the competition, we have every intention of encouraging and enlarging it. In ordinary club cricket, the tendency is for the old players to keep the youngsters out. They won't give up their places.

"In this cup cricket you've got to be lively in the field and at the wicket and the youngsters get a chance in these games. The competition has lived on local cricket and generally done it to great advantage."

So what will the CCC do now? Pass sentence of excommunication?

### SLIPSHOD CRICKET

Tom Pearce, Essex captain and England selector, struck one serious note among many lighter ones at the "Wanderers" Cricket Club dinner (president, Hubert Cuth, secretary, George Parker, chief guest, Sir Walter Munkton).

Pearce, while not agreeing with league cricket, said it set an example in prompt time-keeping in club games.

How could a captain time a declaration fairly when he

## League Soccer Programme Altered

The following alterations have been made to the fixtures:

TODAY

St. Joseph's v. Club ground

3.30 p.m.—Postponed

TOMORROW

Victoria v. Chinese, Boundary St.

5.45 p.m. Ref: A. E. P. Gurst.

Lineham: F. A. Barretto and Liu

Tue-day

Navy v. Club, Navy Club 5 p.m.

will now be played on Wednesday,

April 12 at Navy ground CH at 5.45

p.m.

PCA v. Eastern, St. Joseph's

ground 3.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's v. CAA, St. Joseph's

ground 5 p.m.

These two matches will now be

played on Monday, April 10 at the

same ground and at 5.45 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

Results of Second Division

matches played yesterday were:

Eastern 0, Solicitors 3; Navy 0,

Club 2.

Kitcher received walk-over

from University.

INTERPORT COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Interport Sub-

committee will be held at the As-

sociation's office to-morrow at 5.15

p.m.

Agenda—1. Confirm Minutes of

meeting No. 7; 2. Korean Team's

visit—elect teams etc.; 3. Any

other business.

KOREAN TEAM

Eleven members of the Korean

soccer team will now arrive in

Hongkong on April 11 or 12 aboard

the ss. Star Alcyon. The re-

minder will come by air.

The original dates for their

matches will stand.

O'Sullivan Wins

Feather Bout

London, Apr. 4.—The British

## Sportsman's Diary EDITED BY Bruce Burns

didn't know to within a quarter

of an hour the duration of the

tea interval?

ONE-PAD MAN

I liked, too, the story by H. M.

Garland Wells, former Surrey

captain, of the village cricketer

who came in with one pad—on

his right leg. The fieldsmen,

assuming left-handedness, dis-

posed themselves accordingly.

Not a bit of it. The batsman

took guard with his padded leg

away from the bowling, and re-

ceived two cracks on the other

one straight away.

The wicket-keeper suggested

changing the pad over.

"No, it doesn't matter," said

the batsman. "I'll be down the

other end in a minute."

—London Express Service.

Ceylonese Hit

236 Against

Montgomery

Montgomery, Punjab, Apr.

4.—Scoring at the rate of

a run a minute, the Ceylon

cricket team hit up 236

runs when they began a

two-day match against the

Montgomery District Sports

Association today.

At the close, the home side

had replied with 77 runs for

two wickets.

Winning the toss and batting

first on a matting wicket in

bright sunny weather, Ceylon

lost three wickets for 67 runs,

but then Makin Salih and his

skipper, Jayawickreme, re-

trieved the position with a

bright fourth wicket stand of

96.

Makin Salih put up the

highest individual score of the

four with a knock of 77, in-

cluding 13 fours. Jayawickreme

hit eight fours in his 64. Once

the stand had been broken

three quick wickets fell without

an addition to the total of 100

and the whole side were out

half an hour before tea.

After the loss and decided

to bat first on a matting

wicket.

The teams are:

Ceylon:—Jayawickreme,

Navaratne, Rodrigo, Makin

Salih, Dalpathado, Kelaart,

Burton, Jayasinghe, de Zoysa,

Emmendo, Dharmalingham. The

12th man is Goonesena.

Montgomery:—Asi, A.A.

Qureshi, Safdar Hamid, Israr

Ali, Mohammed Qureshi, Khalid

Abdullah, Gha Bashla Ahmed,

Tariq Ismail, Mursawat Hus-

sein, Mir Masud, Abdul Fah-

man. The 12th man is Ab-

dullah Khan.—Reuter.

Shanghai Team

Beats Hongkong

The Hongkong Combined

basketball team was beaten by

the Shanghai Warriors last

night at Kowloon Chinese

YMCA 67-42.

The visitors have so far won

all their five games here.

Scorers were:

Warriors—Wu Cheng-chang

13, Lu Ting-hou 6, Tien Foo-hai

5, Shina Sung-yao 6, Wong

Yung-fong 19, Chao Tse-chi 6,

Yik, Combined—Chan Shu-

luk 12, Ko Tai-chuen 6, Lam

Kai-leung 3, Yip Lai-ho 3, Li

Yiu-che 12, Ho Hin-chee 5, Yiu

Shing-moon 2.

The Arelano University team

will meet South China A.A. at

Caroline Hill at 8 p.m. to-day.

Everything happened so sud-

denly, that no one is quite sur-

ely exactly what did happen.

Archangelus had too busy an

evening to be interviewed, also

playing Klinghardt and losing

to him.

It was an evening for the

lesser favoured players to shine.

M. Feldman drawing against

Johnny Carvalho. Three were

no other games played.

NOTHING'S CERTAIN

Eugene Tausz, considered

almost certain to take third

place in the Kowloon Chess

Club Championship behind R.

W. Dorsod and H. Klinghardt,

confounded all critics yesterday

evening by losing to A.

Archangelus.

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PROMOTION & RELEGATION

Issues May Be Decided

This Coming Week-end

London, Apr. 4.—The air of uncertainty shrouding

promotion and relegation struggles in the English Soc-

cer League might almost be cleared as a result of the

Easter programme this week-end.

All but a few clubs have the gruelling task of

playing three matches in four days, involving long,

tedious train or coach journeys for most of them.

Most open of the issues at

stake is the First Division

Championship. Only three

points separate the leading clubs

with Manchester United holding

a precarious one-point lead from

Liverpool.

Blackpool and Sunderland

are a further point away while

Portsmouth and Wolverhampton

Wanderers are only three points

behind the pace setters. Black-

pool and Portsmouth, the

Champions last year, are for-

tunate to play all of their re-

spective Easter games at home.

POMPEY'S CHANCE

Both could overhaul the

leaders, particularly the fast-

moving Portsmouth side, with

home and away matches against

Fulham, who are without a win

in their last six games, and a

home clash on Saturday with

the lowly West Bromwich

Aldion.

Blackpool are home and away

to the beaten Cup semi-finalists,

Reuter.

On Saturday they have an-

other difficult away match with

Newcastle, who have not beaten

in their last five home matches.

In striking contrast to their

town neighbours, luckless

Manchester City are floundering

at the bottom of the table and

appear doomed to relegation.—

Reuter.

NO MORE OF THIS KIMONO BUSINESS

Democratic ways, they say, are creeping into Japan, to such an extent that

there is soon to open a Women's Professional Baseball League. Here two candi-

dates for battery positions warm up at the first tryouts.

English Amateur Boxing

Prefers The Old

Upstanding Stance

BY JOHN ARLOTT

In England, the amateur boxing movement remains strong in face of the

considerable discouragement of losing so many of its brightest stars to pro-

fessionalism. Indeed it is a very different sport in many ways. English amateur

rules insist that the boxers wear vests to cover completely the chest and back and

shorts coming to within two inches above the knee; also that they wear a sash of

their club or national colours. And, on the side of technique, they tend to stick

very closely to the old upstanding stance and the straight left, rather than to the

probably more effective crouch-and-weave manner of many professionals.

We may look into the future for a youngster just starting to box, along the

road which has been followed by so many youths before him and, thus, see not

what England does for her young boxers but what she does for her youth through

boxing. It is important to realise that boxing is not included in any English

school list of sports with the aim of producing boxing champions.

It is taught at many under-

proper supervision in order that

the pupils may go out into the

world with a mental outlook

which is not cowed by a show

of violence but, at the same time,



# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Don't Be Careless With Opening Lead

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THE national amateur pair event for a great many players is the most important event in the tournament, especially to those who are playing for the first time in it. You can rest assured that regardless of the number of trophies that Don Kenner and Sten Anderson, both of New York City, win from now on they will always remember winning—the national amateur pair event in 1949.

While the event is labelled an amateur event it really means that a player cannot have over 30 master points to play in it. However, the play in many cases equals that of any championship event in the tournament.

Take, for example, today's hand which was taken from the amateur pair event. If declarer had been careless and won the opening spade lead in his own hand his contract would have been defeated.

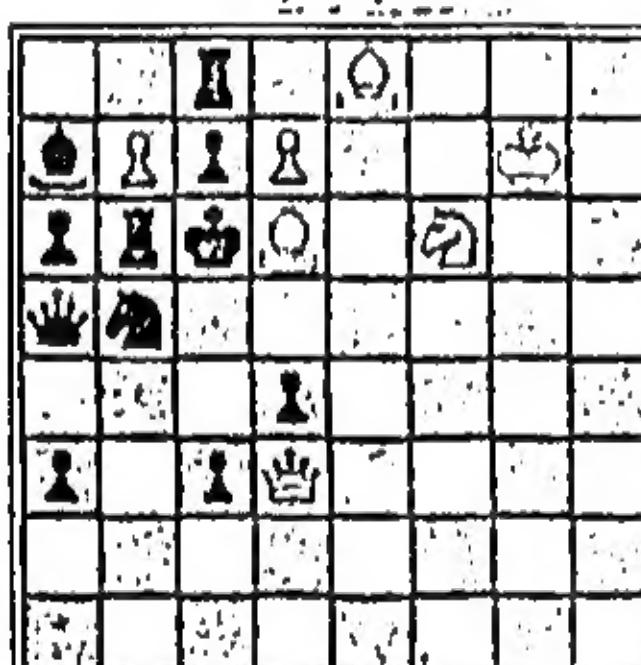
The right play was to win the

opening dummy's eight spot. The three of clubs was ruffed. The king of spades then played and overtaken with the ace. The four of clubs was ruffed with the ten of spades. The ace and king of hearts were cashed and the four of hearts ruffed with the deuce of spades.

Now the eight of clubs was ruffed with the jack of spades and dummy was entered by playing the seven of spades and overtaken with the nine spot. On the ace of clubs declarer discarded the deuce of diamonds. Then the nine of clubs was played; declarer discarded the six of diamonds. In this manner declarer lost only one diamond trick, making his contract.

## CHESS PROBLEM

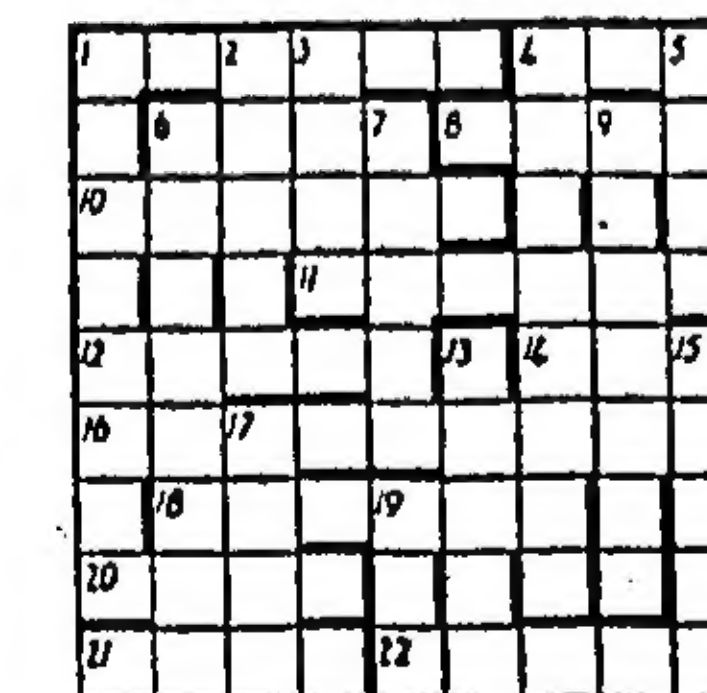
By E. C. WESTBURY  
Black, 11 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.  
White to play and mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-R5, any; 2. Q, or R mates.

## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. Used to deaden sound. (5)  
2. The way to out a wry face. (8)  
3. Dash from the line. (4)  
4. Original cause. (5)  
5. This tower often revolves. (5)  
6. Measure. (4)  
7. A link in the chain of command. (8)  
8. A move in a game; ask. (4)  
9. Result of excess pressure on muscles. (6)  
10. A spinning. (4)  
11. A way to put it up. (5)  
Down  
1. Passes with a bit of luck. (5)  
2. At anchor, with a bit of luck. (5)  
3. A move in a game; ask. (4)  
4. A move in a game; ask. (4)  
5. A move in a game; ask. (4)  
6. A move in a game; ask. (4)  
7. A move in a game; ask. (4)  
8. A move in a game; ask. (4)  
9. A move in a game; ask. (4)  
10. A move in a game; ask. (4)  
11. A move in a game; ask. (4)

## DUMB BELLS

AND SUCH LOVELY THINGS HE'S GOT—GOOD AS THEY ARE!



## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

IF you are born today, you have an extremely energetic and at times restless nature. Your mental powers are exceptional and you are often so far ahead of others in your ideas that it takes time for them to catch up with you. This tends to make you impatient and irritable. Recognize that the others may not think as swiftly and that a time lag is necessary.

You have a great deal of personal magnetism and make friends with great ease. In fact, sometimes you find this a handicap, for your circle of acquaintances becomes so large that you find it difficult to be alone. And you do like having a certain part of your time to yourself. You have a gift for being able to get facts. You seldom, if ever, are fooled by externals and you can tell a bluffer a long way off.

**ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)**—A good day for travel. Outdoor sports also can be very attractive. Don't neglect business, however.

**TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)**—If you have an idea to promote, see that it is called to the attention of the proper authorities now.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 22)**—Combine personal and social affairs effectively. You should be able to get a lot of life today.

**CANCER (June 23-July 23)**—Make the best possible use of an opportunity which may advance your work. The employment potential is good.

**LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**—A fine day for all your efforts. Make the best possible use of all your advantages. Success is in sight.

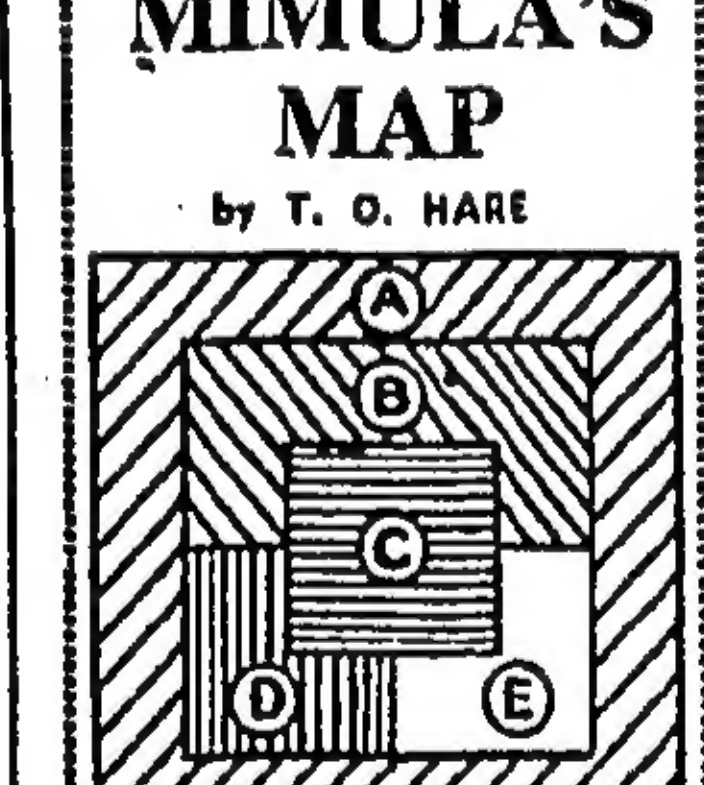
**VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)**—If your outlook appears to be cramped, take a look around for something better. Signs are right.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**—Put forth your best energies for this is an exceptionally productive day. Better your own conditions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**—A good day for business affairs.

## MIMULA'S MAP

By T. O. HARE



MIMULA'S Map, published on August 1st, has brought me a number of interesting letters. Several readers have sent me in effect, the poster offered to-day.

The diagram shows a "map" of five imaginary States: A B C D E.

Four colours have been used (as shown) for A B C D. But I stated (in Mimula's Map) that not more than four colours were required to differentiate the areas on any map. How, then, (I am asked), do I propose to colour E? Is there an answer?

London Express Service.

(Solution on Page 5)

## Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the famous mountain in the harbour of Rio de Janeiro.  
2. Name the founder of the order of Jesuits.  
3. Who was the famous husband of Marie Antoinette?  
4. What is the difference between an overgreen and a deciduous tree?  
5. Why is the mongoose a useful animal?  
6. Name the largest fresh water lake in the world.  
(Answers on Page 5)

## MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

### GERMANY—BEFORE & AFTER HITLER

BAVARIAN STORY  
By Ethel Mannin  
(Jarrolds, 10/6.)

GERMANY, a year after Hitler's rise to power, is the scene for the opening of this moving novel. Just off the autobahn was Weisling, where the Catholic Freyer family lived quietly and soberly. But Martin, the young son

of Herr Freyer, a town shopkeeper, came under the influence of Rudolf Rutter, a local Nazi leader, and brought discord and dread to the family who loved him.

In a mad burst of enthusiasm following a Nazi procession he volunteers to climb a huge town crucifix to hang upon it the flag of the New Germany. But he slips from the crucifix and his skull is smashed against its iron base. That their son should die in the act of such a mortal sin is a terrible tragedy for his simple parents.

For the second part of the story, Miss Mannin takes us forward to 1945, when Private Michael Gerahy of the U.S. Army enters the life of the Freyer family. Michael, a free-and-easy Irish American, sails into the Bavarian household and falls in love with Lucia, who the family thought would never marry. Having left out the war years, the author has achieved the effect of contrast between the pre-war and post-war Freyer family. Like all families, while remaining so much the same, the war had its effect upon each of its members, and the introduction of the charming Michael Gerahy is a masterly and unexpected stroke.

**LET LOVE COME LAST**  
By Taylor Caldwell  
(Collins, 10/6)

"Let parents, then, bequeath to their children, not riches but the spirit of reverence," wrote Plato, and the author of this book is Taylor Caldwell. Set in America, in the 'eighties, the story centres around William Prescott, a strange, ambitious, dominating "man of property," and the prim, intelligent Ursula Wendt who, though repelled by his uncultured manner, is drawn into marrying him through the magnetism of his personality.

Though set in a hard-bourgeois world which no longer belongs to the present, at a time when increasing juvenile delinquency brings to the fore the question of parental control, this book has important lessons for "all who are parents and all who hope to be."

**PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)**—The chances for improving your job are good. Recognize a new opportunity when you see it.

## BY THE WAY

### by Beachcomber

WE are evidently in for another craze for "missing links." Every week somebody is discovering a jawbone or a couple of teeth. One bone I have read of is claimed as being twenty million years old. The latest is only two million years old. But both are "missing links" already. Now we shall wait a year or so for a book about these discoveries, with pictures of hairy ap-men, stooping in cave-mouths. Then comes a reconstruction of the language they talked. "It was mostly primitive sounds, denoting anger, hunger, fear." That is the prize jawbone is found to be that of a former buried in 1864, and the whole thing dies down again for a while.

**The O'Disey of Inisithacagh**  
DISCUSSING a possible film of the Odysey, Hogwach asked who wrote the book of the film, "Homer," he was told, "Homer who?" asked Hogwach. "Just Homer," he was told. "Isn't the guy got a surname?" "I guess that's his surname, bawss." "Like Hogwach is mine?" "Well, ain't the guy got another name, like Sol is mine?" "I guess not, bawss. 'No bawss—he's Greek.' 'Who ever heard of a Greek called O'Disey?' 'What you say, bawss.'"

**Epitaph**  
Here lies a parrot. Neighbours say  
He screamed and chattered  
night and day.  
Our Dumb Friends' League  
placed on the spot  
This parody of forget-me-not.

**NOSEBAGS for women**  
Nosebags for women! How hygienic I have advocated this hygienic idea. Today I read that women are to wear a new kind of sailor hat with a veil that lifts down in a ruff for eating, drinking, or smoking purposes. From that to a proper nosebag is but a step. **Advance, condiment!** The story, challenged him, but he turned into an inn. (Morning paper). THIS reminds me, I am happy to say, of Mr E. C. Bentley's story, who said to Lot's wife, "Salt who goes there?" —London Express Service.

# FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

## Dollar gap is narrowing, Cripps tells Commons

London, Apr. 4. — Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, disclosed today "a further advance in the Sterling Area's long and arduous campaign to close the dollar gap" with a rise in Britain's gold and dollar reserves of \$296 million this year.

The Chancellor told the House of Commons that in the first quarter of this year the Sterling Area earned a net gold and dollar surplus of \$40 million compared with a deficit of \$31 million in the last quarter of 1949.

Sir Stafford said the improvement was due to the reduction of exports from the Dollar Area, an increase in dollar earnings, and the improvement of Britain's position with hard-currency countries, such as Belgium, Switzerland and Persia.

Britain received assistance under the European Recovery Programme — largely in the form of reimbursement for expenditure already incurred — of \$229 million, he said.

Thus the gold and dollar reserves rose by \$296 million during the quarter.

### CRATIFYING

On March 31, 1950, they stood at \$1,894,000,000, compared with \$1,888,000,000 on December 31, 1949, and \$2,241,000,000 on March 31, 1948, immediately before the European Recovery Programme was put into operation.

"The results of these last six months are undoubtedly gratifying," he declared. "Whatever the results of a more detailed analysis, they reveal that we and the rest of the Sterling Area have made a further advance in our long and arduous campaign to close the dollar gap."

Warning against complacency or over-estimating the progress, the Chancellor said, to the extent that last quarter's result benefited by seasonal increases, Britain must expect that a corresponding seasonal decline would adversely affect results in the months immediately ahead.

These effects, unlike the more permanent benefits of devaluation, would quickly pass. Nor

## BAN ON JAP PATENTS LIFTED

Tokyo, Apr. 4. — The United Kingdom has lifted the bans which it imposed during the war on Japanese registration of patents, designs and trade marks. General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

A notice by the United Kingdom mission here said that orders promulgated recently under the 1930 Trading with the Enemy Act cleared the way for action.

The mission said applications can be made with the United Kingdom government through the Japanese patent agency. SCAP officials welcomed the measure as "one more right sign to the Japanese to hasten their return as an accepted member of the family of nations." —United Press.

## N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Closing rates at the New York foreign exchange yesterday were:

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Canada (dollar) .....       | US\$0.00-5/16 |
| England—official .....      | 2.45 1/2      |
| England—unofficial .....    | 2.45 bid      |
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